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PGCIL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) is investing a large amount in sectors other than power distribution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) intend to enter into foreign market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has been notified as the Central Transmission Utility (CTU) of India, under the Electricity Act, 2003. It undertakes the development of inter-State transmission systems at Extra High Voltage (EHV) level. Besides its core business of power transmission, PGCIL has also diversified into the Telecom business, leveraging its country wide power transmission infrastructure. The Government of India has approved an investment of about Rs.934 crore for this activity. Most of the telecom network has already been installed and connectivity has been provided to all metros and major cities.

During the Xth Plan, out of a total investment of about Rs.18,919 crore, by PGCIL, the investment in the telecom business was 3.5% (about Rs.663 crore) and in the current year i.e. 2007-08, investment in the telecom business is envisaged to be only Rs.11 crore (0.17% of the total budgetary outlay of Rs.6504 crore).

(c) & (d) : The PGCIL has secured consultancy in the area of power transmission in Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Dubai.